

FLEETWOOD'S  
CHANCES ARE  
THE BEST

A Declaration of Preference  
by Voters From all Parts  
of the State Gives Him  
Lead Over all Others.

DR. JOHN A. MEAD  
SECOND IN FAVOR

Considerable Sentiment for  
Highway Commissioner  
Gates Shown—Bennington  
for Barchelder.

That Fleetwood leads Mead as the  
choice of the voters for the Republican  
nomination for governor is the only con-  
clusion that can be drawn from the re-  
sponses to a letter of inquiry sent out  
by the Times to over 700 voters through-  
out the state. In reply, answers have  
been received from 286, representing  
nearly every town in the state. Of these,  
27 have no preference at this time, while  
249 of them are divided in their choice  
as follows:

F. G. Fleetwood.....	96
J. A. Mead.....	80
Charles W. Gates.....	34
J. K. Barchelder.....	15
M. J. Haggood.....	7
Olin Merrill.....	6
C. P. Smith.....	5
J. E. Weeks.....	2

While these figures indicate that Dr.  
Mead is second in the race for the gov-  
ernorship, a significant feature is the  
preference expressed by so many for C.  
W. Gates, a man who has emphatically  
declared himself out of the running.  
These figures would further indicate that  
neither Mr. Fleetwood nor Dr. Mead is the  
choice of a majority of the voters,  
but Mr. Fleetwood seems to have a  
clear lead over the latter and if he holds  
up to this in the campaign he will have  
an advantage, which, if there is no  
stampede in the convention to Mr. Gates,  
Mr. Barchelder or some other man, would  
seem to assure his nomination.

It was with the purpose of finding  
out what the real sentiment of the state  
is in regard to the governorship that  
the Times mailed out last week 718  
letters of inquiry, no more than three  
being sent into any town in the state.  
These letters were sent to representative  
citizens, but not necessarily politicians.  
Replies have been received from nearly  
half of those addressed, and nearly all  
have answered one or more of the ques-  
tions. In a few cases letters were sent to  
Democrats, and they have replied that  
they had no choice to make of Republi-  
cans. The questions addressed the voters  
were as follows:

1. Is the apparent lack of interest  
in the present campaign, in your opinion,  
due to the candidates declared so far?
2. Of all the candidates who have  
been mentioned—Mead, Fleetwood, Barchel-  
der, Smith, Haggood, Merrill, Gates,  
Weeks—which would be your choice?
3. Would the Republican party, or a  
majority of them in your town, in your  
judgment, support your choice?

To the first, 68 replied that they be-  
lieved the apparent lack of interest in  
the campaign is due to the candidates  
avowedly in the field, while 124 thought  
there was no lack of interest because  
of the candidates.

To the second question, replies were  
received from 241, indicating their per-  
sonal preferences, and a good majority of  
those expressing themselves for the dif-  
ferent candidates thought their choice  
would win out in the canvass of their  
respective localities. Those whose prefer-  
ence was Mr. Gates felt that he could  
have the delegations from their towns  
if he were a candidate, but otherwise  
they were about equally divided between  
Mr. Fleetwood and Mr. Mead. The dele-  
gations from these towns would be as  
follows: In about the same ratio as the  
indicated preferences for these two can-  
didates. The replies to question 2, tabu-  
lated by counties, follow:

County.	Mead.	Fleetwood.	Gates.	Barchelder.	Smith.	Haggood.	Merrill.	Weeks.	Total replies received.
Addison	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Bennington	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Chittenden	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Caledonia	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Faith	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Franklin	3	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	16
Grand Isle	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lamoille	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Orange	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
Orleans	16	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Rutland	16	7	5	0	0	1	0	0	29
Washington	5	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	21
Windham	6	12	3	1	0	0	0	0	22
Windham	6	2	3	2	0	1	2	0	24
Totals	80	96	34	13	3	7	6	2	286

It will be noted in the above figures  
that Dr. Mead is especially strong in  
Orleans, and as was to be expected in  
his own county. But here he does not  
make as good a showing as does Mr.  
Fleetwood in his home county. While  
the above figures probably represent the  
sentiment of the state at the present  
time, it should be remembered Dr. Mead  
has the better organization and may get  
his supporters out at the canvass in  
larger numbers than his opponents, with  
the result that he will lead in the con-  
vention.

Some of the voters, in answering the  
questions, added comment. Some of these  
comments are herewith printed:

## Comments on the Campaign.

Answering question 1, some comment  
on it is as follows:  
"Partly that and partly a reaction  
from too much stand pat Republican-  
ism. Most of the voters are on the side  
of the 'insurgent' Congress."

"I think that, disappointed with the work  
done in 1908 and discouraged fighting  
the money candidates."

"It is a very busy time with farmers  
now and the milk strike is taking their  
attention more than politics."

Answering question 2, one man writes:  
"It depends in a great measure on the  
course they take to get there, and I be-  
lieve it is that which makes the lack  
of interest."

"There is so little interest in the cam-  
paign, it is very difficult to form a cor-  
rect opinion as to the preference for  
any of the candidates for governor."

"Lack of interest is due more to the  
work of the legislature of 1908."

"We are getting wise and refuse to  
enthusiasm over A. B. and C's personal am-  
bitions. The campaign lacks vital prin-  
ciples."

"None of the above are my choice. I  
am a Democrat, thank God."

"Ninety per cent. of the voters don't  
care who is elected governor."

"From all that I have heard, voters in  
general would welcome some candi-  
date, perhaps not yet mentioned, in  
preference to any of those named."

"A Lamoille county man writes: 'There  
is no lack of interest here.'"

"I am not much interested in politics  
as handled in the caucus hall, for the  
people are not fairly represented. The  
big boss controls the smaller ones and  
they control the people. If the people  
could vote direct for a candidate, as they  
do, without being coerced or driven,  
they would have a chance to vote their  
votes as they would count. As it is,  
only the caucus boss really votes."

"The Democratic state committee met  
last night at the Van Ness house in this city, an invita-  
tion being extended through J. R. Thomp-  
son, the member of the state committee  
from Franklin county, and it was de-  
cided to hold the Democratic state con-  
vention Thursday, July 14, in the opera  
house at St. Albans, with headquarters  
at the American house."

Mr. Henry of Winoski, secretary of  
the state committee, resigned and Mat-  
thew G. Leary of Burlington was elected  
to fill the vacancy, and the commit-  
tee named the following officers of the  
convention: Temporary chairman, B. E.  
Bullard of Hardwick; temporary secre-  
tary, M. G. Leary of Burlington; assis-  
tants, William P. Hogan of Bennington,  
Frank Clark of Windsor; sergeant-at-  
arms, John L. Sullivan of St. Albans;  
committees on resolutions, R. M. Mel-  
den of Rutland, chairman, V. A. Bullard  
of Burlington, C. D. Watson of St. Albans,  
H. B. Howe of St. Johnsbury, F. S.  
Phibbs of Brattleboro, Frank M. Bryan  
of Montpelier.

The state committee is to be the com-  
mittee on credentials and the basis of  
representation will be one man for each  
year, one delegate from each city, and  
one additional for each fifty  
votes or major fraction thereof cast for  
the Democratic candidate for governor in  
1908.

It was voted to have the platform  
printed in the newspapers of the state  
previous to the convention.

ARGUMENTS IN LORIMER CASE.

State Opposes Motion to Quash Indict-  
ment Against Brown.

Chicago, May 28.—The state yesterday  
presented its argument against the mo-  
tion to quash the indictment of Lee  
O'Neill Brown, who is charged with  
bringing C. A. White, a state representa-  
tive to vote for William Lorimer for  
United States senator.

The appearance of ex-Judge Ellinger-  
Honey with counsel for the defense and  
the announcement by Judge McSweeney  
that his decision on the motion to quash  
the indictment will be ready next  
Wednesday, were the developments in  
the trial Thursday, Judge McSweeney  
said that if the motion to quash the in-  
dictment was overruled, the formal trial  
ought to begin by June 6.

Washington, May 28.—Senator Lor-  
imer says that to-day he will rise to a  
question of personal privilege and, on  
the floor of the Senate, denounce his  
accusers. It is possible, however, that  
the Senate will not be in session to-day.  
In that event, Mr. Lorimer will speak  
Monday. The senator has spent several  
days in the preparation of a careful ad-  
dress.

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LEWIS KNOCKED OUT.

Stanley Ketchel Put Finishing Touches  
on Waterweight in Two Rounds.

New York, May 28.—Stanley Ketchel  
of Michigan, the middleweight champion,  
knocked out Willie Lewis of this city  
in the second round of a scheduled ten-  
round bout at the National Sporting  
club last night. Lewis, who was the  
European idol some months ago, is a  
waterweight and was fully ten pounds  
lighter than Ketchel, who weighed in  
yesterday afternoon at 158 pounds, ac-  
cording to agreement. Tom O'Rourke,  
the manager of the club, acted as ref-  
eree. The crowd numbered about 2,000.

HARD TO GET  
A VERDICT

So Jury Reported in Mrs.  
Richmond's Case

SENT BACK TO TRY AGAIN

Cambridge, Mass., Woman Was Charged  
With Killing Stewart McTavish.  
Case Went to Jury Late  
Yesterday.

Boston, May 28.—The jury in the trial  
of Mrs. Elizabeth Richmond, charged  
with the murder of Stewart McTavish,  
in Cambridge, reported at ten o'clock  
this morning to Justice Crosby that they  
could not agree. They were then sent  
back to try again. The case was given  
into their hands late yesterday. Ralph  
Gibson, attorney for the respondent, in  
his argument, characterized the whole  
case as a mistake of the police, saying  
that Capt. Hurley had begun the error  
and had carried it out. He contended  
that Mrs. Richmond was a victim of  
circumstances. District Attorney Hig-  
gins occupied the greater part of the  
afternoon in addressing the jury.

DRAPER VETOES 8-HOUR BILL.

He Withholds Approval from Labor  
Measure.

Boston, May 28.—The expected has  
happened. Governor Draper has fulfilled  
his promise made in last fall's campaign  
that he would veto the "eight-hour" bill  
if the same measure reached him as  
that which the legislature of 1908 sent  
to him.

The veto message was received in the  
House yesterday. His excellency states  
that the bill is practically the same as  
last year's; and that his reasons for  
withholding his approval are substan-  
tially those which governed his action  
last year. "I think," he says, "that this  
bill would be a disadvantage to, and  
an unfortunate interference with, many  
contractors and business men of the com-  
monwealth who would provide employment  
for men in other states which would be  
taken away from men in our own state,  
and thus make it harder for our busi-  
ness men and laboring men to be suc-  
cessful in their various classes of em-  
ployment."

DR. COWLES IN BRATTLEBORO.

Physician Involved in Court Martial Case  
to Lecture in State.

Brattleboro, May 28.—Dr. Edward S.  
Cowles, who figured in the recent Auld-  
Robinson-Cowles court-martial affair, in  
Boston, has come to Vermont and lo-  
cated in Brattleboro. He has opened a  
suite of offices in the American build-  
ing and intends to give a series of lec-  
tures through Vermont and Maine dur-  
ing the summer. Dr. Cowles, who was  
accompanied by his wife, infant child  
and a colored nurse, has been frequent-  
ly questioned as to whether he is the  
same Dr. Cowles who figured in the  
naval affair, and does not deny the fact.  
He has recently been granted a certifi-  
cate to practice medicine in this state,  
through reciprocal relations with the  
state of Virginia.

CARROLL NAMED.

Mayor Fitzgerald Puts Him at Head of  
Fire Department.

Boston, May 28.—At the request of  
Mayor John J. Fitzgerald, Fire Com-  
missioner General Samuel D. Parier has  
sent in his resignation.

Mayor Fitzgerald has accepted the resig-  
nation and designated Francis J. Car-  
roll, a member of the board of trustees  
of the municipal bath commission, as  
acting fire commissioner, until a perma-  
nent commissioner is appointed and ap-  
proved.

SHERIFF TOOK CHARGE

Of Buck & Green Store in St. Albans  
Which Is in Trouble.

St. Albans, May 28.—The firm of  
Buck & Green, which has been conduct-  
ing a plumbing and hardware store on  
Lake street for three years, was yes-  
terday taken charge of by Sheriff Holmes  
and the store closed. This action fol-  
lowed the insistent demands of a num-  
ber of creditors, who were unable to  
collect accounts due. An effort is being  
made to adjust the existing differences,  
but it is expected that the concern will  
have to go into bankruptcy.

CONVICTED OF GOVIN MURDER.

One Sentenced to Death, Other Given  
Twenty Years.

Paris, May 28.—The two soldiers,  
Graby and Michel, charged with the  
murder of Mme. Guin, widow of Jules  
Edouard Guin, a former governor of  
the Bank of France, were Thursday con-  
victed by court-martial, Graby being sen-  
tenced to death and Michel to twenty  
years' imprisonment.

EAST BARRE.

McAllister Bros' Store Will Be Closed  
All Day Monday.

PLUMLEY DEFENDS  
PRESIDENT TAFT

Says He Is Honestly Striving to Carry  
Out the Roosevelt Policies and  
If There Is Any Failure It Can-  
not Be Charged to Taft.

Congressman Frank Plumley is visit-  
ing his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Flint, in  
Montpelier, and last night gave his views  
of the Taft administration. He stated  
emphatically that the president is honest  
and sincere and striving to carry  
out the principles involved in the Roose-  
velt nomination. His personal ideas  
of the Republican national platform,  
which he discussed in the anti-campaign  
of 1908, he has sought to enact.  
Mr. Plumley stated that there are  
really two classes of insurgents in  
Congress those who are quite  
radical in their views and are disturbed  
to think President Taft has been try-  
ing to hold the party together as one  
of the requisites of successful legisla-  
tion, and the other, which consists of  
ultra-conservatives, who opposed Roose-  
velt and his policies and yielded only to  
his demands for legislation when the  
"Big Stick" was in evidence and when,  
although they claim loyalty to the pre-  
sential administration, have yielded only  
out of fear of being exposed as the real  
insurgents.

Mr. Plumley says that the failure of  
the administration to carry out some  
cherished plans and purposes of the  
Roosevelt policy cannot be charged to  
President Taft and the many things he  
has already done and others he is at-  
tempting to do add greatly to his credit.  
He considers that the adminis-  
tration is a success and working out serious  
problems in a satisfactory way.

INJURED BY HORSE.

Norman Blair Had Shoulder Broken in  
Burlington.

Burlington, May 28.—Norman Blair of  
Malletts Bay had his shoulder broken  
yesterday afternoon in a spectacular  
runaway near the corner of Main street  
and South Winoski avenue. Blair had  
loosened the bridle of the horse in or-  
der to feed him some of Brodie's black-  
smith shop, when the horse jumped and  
broke his shoulder. The ground,  
breaking his shoulder blade. The horse  
then dashed across the street, overturn-  
ing and freeing himself of the wagon,  
and ran down into the yard behind the  
Strong theatre where he was caught.  
Blair was taken in a carter's wagon to  
Dr. C. A. Pease's office, where the bone  
was set. The wagon was damaged to a  
slight extent as the horse was unin-  
jured.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Only one day more to order your coal  
for \$7.75 a ton at Morse & Jackson's.  
Try all ice cream soda, five cents, to-  
day at the new Riverfront store foun-  
tain.

Miss Helen Burback went last night  
to Burlington to spend a few days with  
her sister.

Buy your native asparagus, lettuce and  
radishes at the Vermont Fruit store.  
Prices lowest.

It should be remembered that all bar-  
ber shops will be closed all day Mon-  
day, Memorial day.

The finest green vegetables of all sea-  
sonable sorts can be bought cheaper at  
the Vermont Fruit store than elsewhere.

Big supply of seasonable fruits for  
your purchase to-night at the New Eng-  
land Fruit store. Special bargain prices.

Step in at the New England Fruit  
store to-night and be served to a plate  
of delicious ice cream. It is pure and  
wholesome.

Miss Clara Blanchard, who is sewing  
in Miss Stinson's millinery shop in  
Montpelier, is at her home in this city  
for a week.

In the display of ad. of the New Eng-  
land Fruit store yesterday it should have  
read Sultana Sauce college ice, 10 cents.  
80 cent oranges special at 40 cents a  
dozen.

Dreamland's bright little Vitaphone  
drama, "From Shadow to Sunshine," is  
a fine piece of entertainment, and should  
draw large crowds to-night. "Paula Pe-  
loni" and her Trained Animals" do some  
clever stunts that are interesting to  
everybody. One of the finest colored  
films ever here of late is the "Hunch-  
back Fiddler." Burlando's song, "That  
Chinatown Rag" is a catchy comedy.

One of the popular Footlock company  
films is being shown to-day at the Bi-  
gram picture. "The Red Girl" Ro-  
manee" took well with the audience  
last evening. A new soloist is expect-  
ed Monday. Reports have arrived that  
he will create something of a sensation,  
because of a special feature he has. His  
crowds are anticipated to-night.

BANK BILL STRIKES SNAG.

Postal Savings Hatched Up on Section  
of Gardner Measure.

Washington, May 28.—The Republican  
House caucus on the postal savings bank  
bill struck the expected snag when it  
reached section 9 of the Gardner bill,  
having to do with the disposition of the  
deposits of postal savings.

Reaching no decision on this feature,  
the caucus, after three hours' delibera-  
tion, adjourned.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that the ab-  
stract of the individual lists has been  
filed in the assessors' office and that  
the same will be open for inspection of  
the taxpayers in said assessors' office in  
the city hall from the 25th day of May,  
A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the fore-  
noon, to the first day of June, A. D.  
1910, and during said time we will hear  
all persons who feel aggrieved who de-  
sire to be heard, and make all necessary  
changes in said abstract.

Dated at City of Barre, Vermont, this  
25th day of May, A. D. 1910.

Martin Riley,  
F. M. Andrus,  
James McAdam,  
Assessors for the City of Barre.

WAS KILLED  
BY ELEVATOR

Andrew E. Kirby Victim at  
Winoski Late Yesterday

WAS KNOCKED DOWN SHAFT

Then Elevator Crushed Him in Bottom  
of Pit—Man Was 86 Years of Age.  
Accident Was at the Porter  
Screen Company's Plant.

Winoski, May 28.—An accident at  
the Porter Screen works here yesterday  
afternoon resulted in the death of An-  
drew E. Kirby. Mrs. Kirby was not an  
employee of the company but was walk-  
ing about the plant. When he came to  
the freight elevator shaft, the elevator  
was up and the man attempted to cross  
to the other side, when the elevator came  
down, striking him on the head and  
throwing him into the pit, where he was  
crushed between the elevator and the  
pit bottom. His cries were heard by the  
operator, who reversed the car and start-  
ed it upward. He was taken from the  
pit to the home of his daughter, Mrs.  
Charles Montgomery, where he died at  
6 o'clock.

No blame can be attached to anyone,  
as the man was not an employee of the  
company, and notices were conspicu-  
ously placed warning people against try-  
ing to cross under the elevators.  
Mr. Kirby was 86 years of age, and  
a native of Burlington. For many years  
he was employed at the old flour mill in  
that city and later was watchman at  
the Gates cotton mills, holding this  
position for 34 years. Later he was en-  
gaged in teaming but for ten years  
had been living a retired life. His wife,  
Mrs. Kirby, was 84 years of age, and  
of Burlington, died about ten years ago.  
He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Charles  
Montgomery and Mrs. John D. Bazinet,  
both of Winoski.

CARRIES \$25,000 FOR  
NEW BARRE POSTOFFICE

House of Representatives Will Pass Pub-  
lic Buildings Bill Carrying \$25,  
000,000 for New Public Build-  
ings.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Represen-  
tative Bartholdi of Missouri, chairman  
of the house committee on postoffice and  
post roads, Thursday reported with  
President Taft's approval, billings  
at this session of Congress. He  
showed the president that he had out the  
committee estimates from \$30,000,000 to  
\$20,000,000. He promised that the bill  
would not carry more than that amount  
as it passed the House, but expressed  
the opinion that the Senate would add  
at least \$5,000,000. The president has  
been opposed to a "pork barrel" at this  
session of Congress but recently agreed  
to sign a bill carrying \$15,000,000. It  
now seems certain that the bill cannot  
get through under the estimate made  
yesterday by Mr. Bartholdi and there  
is no expectation that the president  
will veto it.

PLEASING SOCIAL EVENTS

Were Held in Various Barre Churches  
Last Evening.

The sale and social evening at the  
Presbyterian church last evening, given  
by the Clover Leaf class of the Sunday  
school, was a success both socially and  
financially, nearly one hundred and fifty  
persons being present. The following  
program was rendered in a pleasing  
manner: Mandolin duet, Misses Marie  
and Katherine Toss; reading, Miss Chris-  
tine Ray; vocal solo, Jean Sherif; violin  
solo, Miss Ida Caruso; vocal duet,  
Miss Emma Phillips, Peter Mutch. The  
program concluded with a rattling good  
one-act farce, entitled, "A Breezy Call,"  
in which Miss Jessie Anderson as "Cora  
Armstrong," Ronald Gale as "Dick Wil-  
loughby" and James Johnson as "Mar-  
tin" showed unusual talent in acting.  
The entertainment closing with march-  
ing.

A birthday party, under the auspices  
of the ladies' aid society, was given in  
the vestry of the Congregational church  
last evening and the fare, "A Klepto-  
maniac," was given for entertainment.  
There was a good attendance and the  
young ladies presented the fare in a  
delightfully entertaining way. The char-  
acters were taken as follows: Mrs. John  
Burton, C. R. Scott; Mrs. Valerius  
Chase, Alice Pape; Mrs. Charles Dover,  
Helen Houghton; Mrs. Preston Ashley,  
Gladys Gale; Miss Freda Dixon, Grace  
Dillon; Miss Evelyn Evans, Mrs. George  
Rond; Katie, Ellen Hunt. Refreshments  
of wafers and fruit punch were served.  
The proceeds from the "birthday" con-  
tributions amounted to a little over \$37.

Nearly one hundred and twenty-five  
persons gathered in the vestry of the  
Baptist church last evening on the oc-  
casion of the exhibition drill and literary  
and musical program, given under the  
auspices of the Pines class of the Sun-  
day school. The drill were all of high  
order and reflect no little credit upon  
the trainer, George Murray, as well as  
the participants, who have devoted much  
time and energy in preparing for the  
exhibition. The program consisted of  
choruses by the class, readings by Leafy  
Whitney, Marion Perry and W. F. M.,  
piano solo by Ella Williams and Tru-  
gram; and piano duets by Ella Wil-  
liams, Irene Graham, Dorothy Ingels  
and Eva Cragg. The different numbers were  
in charge of Miss Jessie Kiddier.

The one-act play of the Boutwell  
Sunday school met at the home of Miss  
Florence Harvey on the East Montpelier  
road Thursday night. There was a most  
excellent program, after which Miss Rur-  
bank, in behalf of the club, presented  
Miss Lavern Hunt a beautiful silver  
ring, and Miss Hunt feelingly responded.  
Wafers, lemonade and cake were served,  
and the remainder of the evening was  
spent very enjoyably.